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Colorado Economic Recovery Accountability Board Meeting Summary November 13, 2009 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MEETING DATE

November 13, 2009 Office of Information Technology 601 E. 18th Ave, 2nd floor Denver, CO 80203

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

A. Board Members:

Don Elliman (chair), Don Marostica, Senator Moe Keller, Ray Baker, Taryn Edwards, Treasurer Cary Kennedy, Ray Baker, Bob Gibson, (by phone) Sandy Gutierrez, André Pettigrew

B. Guests:

Gary Dixon, Sheri Westbrook, David Altman, Khadija Haynes, Keeley Houlahan, Michael Beck, Angela Bailey, George Roberson, Miles Moffett, Jim Blair, Donna Davis

C. Governor's Office

Liza Fox, Mark Cavanaugh, Kyle Miller, Chris Smith, Myung Oak Kim, Brenda Morrison, Linda Gallegos, Bruce Atchison- Lt. Governor's Office, Carolyn Schachterle, CDPHE

MEETING SUMMARY

A. Introduction

Board Chairman Elliman welcomed board members and visitors.

B. Race to the Top Update by Bruce Atchison, Chief of Staff for Lt. Governor Barbara O'Brien
The draft guidance was released on November 11th. The application is due January 19th with
notification coming in April for the first round of funding. The funding will come in 2 phases. If
the State is not accepted for phase 1, they will apply for phase 2. Colorado is eligible for \$175 mil
in funding. There are 4 assurance areas that the states had to focus on in their application. Those
areas are: Standards and Assessments, Struggling Schools, Great Teachers and Leaders and
Longitudinal Data Systems. They've had over 650 people participate in the public process.
They've broken it down into work groups for each assurance areas. These groups were opened
up to anyone who has wanted to participate. The task of these workgroups was to recommend
ways to use this investment to improve the public education system. As of November 12th, the
public process has ended. That recommendation along with those from national experts will be
used in the application process.

More information regarding Race to the Top can be found at Colorado.gov/recovery under Education.

C. CERAB Staff Update

- 1. Mark Cavanaugh stated that the first reporting period was successful. The State has offered to assist recipients of ARRA funds in job reporting. Due to lack of time and coordination, the reporting process did not always correlate between state and federal agencies. Colorado has volunteered to be part of a task force that looks at job reporting for ARRA. Additionally, the information about expenditures will differ between federal levels and state levels. The federal levels will be based on their obligations and awards. The State's definition will be program dependent and will reflect where the program is at that particular time. Also, the State has 3 different audits occurring. There is a state performance audit that looks at the reporting process and the state fiscal stabilization fund, a single audit, and a GAO audit.
- 2. Kyle Miller gave an update on Broadband. The State did not make an application for the BTOP infrastructure program. The State has held weekly public meetings to inform people and answer questions regarding the grants. Applications were due August 20th. 80 applications were posted on Broadbandusa.gov. Staff reviewed applications that were in-line with the State's priorities. 35 of those applications were presented to the Executive Director of DOLA and the Commissioner of Agriculture. Those grants were reviewed and sent to the Governor who in turn recommended 9 applications from the 3 programs that broadband funded. Those were the public computing centers, sustainable broadband adoption and the broadband infrastructure grant. Those were submitted a month ago. Another component of the broadband grant was the mapping component. The State's award should come within the next week.
- **3.** Myung Oak Kim stated that staff conducted outreach to the media regarding ARRA reporting. Board members have the latest report "The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act The Colorado Story" (this can be found at Colorado.gov/recovery). Staff is following up with the job reporting numbers and in many cases with the recipients themselves.
- **4.** Brenda Morrison presented on the competitive grant opportunities. There are several competitive grants particularly in the nonprofit sectors that have not yet been awarded. Some competitive grants are substantial. One is out of the Governor's Energy Office where the primary applicant would be the city of Boulder in partnership with the city of Denver for \$75mil. Her presentation can be found at colorado.gov/recovery- under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.
- **5.** Lindsey Tannenbaum presented on the website updates. There are four components that have been recently added. Those include a map that includes the breakout of funds coming into Colorado, a Chairman's corner which is a blog from Don Elliman and a track-the-dollars section which includes the "Colorado Story" along with a map that will give more information on funding specifics. A PDF link will allow you to print any of these reports. The final new component is the "Your Recovery Dollars at Work" which includes stories from Coloradans who were impacted by ARRA.
- **6.** Chris Smith presented on the 1512 Reporting. October was the first reporting cycle required by section 1512 of the Recovery Act. This report can be found at Colorado.gov/recovery under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.

D. Carolyn Schachterle, Unit Manger for CDPHE presented on Water Infrastructure Projects This PowerPoint presentation can be found at Colorado.gov/recovery under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.

E. Health Information Technology Grant Opportunities

Fox's report and PowerPoint presentation can be found at Colorado.gov/recovery under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.

F. Public Input

In regard to the website, a question was asked whether funding can be broken out by agency. Chris Smith responded that most agencies have Recovery Act information on their website that reflects the grants they have received.

G. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.